Widening of the Main Road from the Museum to the East Fort.

296. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to widen the Main Road from the Museum to the East Fort, Trivandrum ;

(*b*) the probable date of the commencement and termination of the work ;

(*c*) the estimated cost of the work ; and

(*d*) the width of the road when finished ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) No.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*). These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether the town-planning scheme includes the widending of the main road from the Museum to the East fort ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : When do the Government intend to take up the work ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The scheme of widening the road from the Museum to the East Fort is kept in abeyance.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether Government are aware that the method of improving the roads in Trivandrum as it is being done now, is not justifiable, and may I know whether they would adopt some other better method ?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The honourable member seems to be an expert in town planning. I shall refer him to the Government's Town Planning Expert.

Pay wards in hospitals.

297 *MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the hospitals in the State that do contain paywards ?

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : There are pay wards in the institutions noted below :

1. General Hospital, Trivandrum ;
2. Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum ;
3. District Hospital, Alleppey ;
4. District Hospital, Nagercoil ;
5. District Hospital, Parassala ; and
6. Victoria Jubilee Hospital, Quilon.

MR. P. C. KURIYAN (*Kottayam I*) : May I know why, when pay wards are attached to the two hospitals at Trivandrum and to the hospitals at Alleppey, Nagercoil, Kottarakara and Quilon, for a place like Kottayam which is the headquarters of the northern districts, there is no pay ward

MR. JAMES SIMPSON (*Darbar Physician*) : There has been no demand.

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